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Letter dated 13 November 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I write to you with respect to the worst-ever situation prevailing in and around the Korean peninsula, which is making it impossible to predict when nuclear war breaks out due to the United States nuclear war equipment of unprecedentedly large scale being massively deployed and taking up a strike posture.

The United States, based on the deployment of three nuclear-powered aircraft carrier strike groups in the subregion, is holding another joint military exercise with south Korea involving different types of destroyers and submarines beginning from 11 November 2017.

Along with this move, the United States reactivated a round-the-clock emergency sortie system of nuclear-capable strategic bomber B-52 which existed during the cold war and is maintaining a surprise strike posture with frequent flights of B-1B and B-2 formations to the air space of south Korea.

The United States flung the words "total destruction" of a sovereign State at the General Assembly, the world's largest official forum of diplomacy, and is now running amok for war exercises by introducing nuclear war equipment in and around the Korean peninsula, thereby proving that the United States itself is the major offender in the escalation of tension and undermining of the peace.

The large-scale nuclear war exercises and blackmail, which the United States staged for a whole year without a break in collaboration with its followers to stifle our Republic, make one conclude that the option we have taken was the right one and we should go along the way to the last.

Despite this fact, the United Nations Security Council, whose mission is to ensure world peace and security, keeps turning a blind eye to the nuclear war exercises of the United States, which is hell-bent on bringing a catastrophic disaster to humanity, thereby giving rise to serious concern about the double standard of the Security Council.

In this regard, in view of world justice and impartiality, we kindly request that you give your viewpoints as to the following questions:

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Question 1. Do the nuclear war exercises in and around the Korean peninsula being undertaken by the United States for a whole year without a break at all and targeting a sovereign State conform to the purpose of the Charter of the United Nations, which is to maintain peace and security?

Question 2. Since the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States are legally in a state of armistice as belligerent parties as yet, does the questioning in the Security Council of the self-defensive measures of one belligerent party, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, only as a "threat", ignoring the nuclear war provocative acts of the other belligerent party, the United States, conform to the principle of sovereign equality of the Charter?

We would like to politely request that you give right answers to the questions raised in conformity with the requirements of the Charter and the mission of the United Nations Secretariat, which holds impartiality and independence as its lifeline. At the same time, we politely ask you to bring to the attention of the Security Council under Article 99 of the Charter, regarding the danger being posed by the United States nuclear war exercises, which are clearly threats to international peace and security.

Furthermore, we should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 65, and of the Security Council.

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